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**DLNR REOPENS KULA FOREST RESERVE ACCESS ROAD TO
VEHICULAR TRAFFIC**

WAILUKU -The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) will reopen vehicular access on the Kula State Forest Reserve Access Road from an area adjacent to the 'cement crossing' to the Polipoli State Park and beyond at 3:30 p.m. today, Friday, January 9.

The road was closed on January 2 due to unsafe conditions caused by the heavy rains. Milder weather over the past few days allowed the road to dry enough to allow state forestry crews to use heavy equipment to remove dirt on the road and fill in washed-out areas.

Although road conditions have improved, area users should be advised that road conditions are still muddy and access remains restricted to four-wheel drive vehicles only.

“We thank the Maui community for their patience and understanding that this closure was in the interest of public safety due to the road condition,” said Laura H. Thielen, DLNR chairperson.

The road opening means that access is now restored to Polipoli Spring State Recreation Area within the Kula Forest Reserve.

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